

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Aug 52	2. LOCATION Birmingham, Ala.	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2043	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE ND
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pale blue. Light.	11. COMMENTS Blinking pale blue light - similar object sighted same night but earlier at Meridian, Miss.	

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SUBJECT

FLYING PT

AREA REPORTED ON
Birmingham, Alabama

FROM (Agency) Headquarters, 301st Pilot Training
Wing, Craig Air Force Base, Ala. (Int. Sec)

DATE OF REPORT

4 Sept. 1952

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27 August 1952

EVALUATION

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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

AF Ltr. 200-5, dtd 29 April 1952

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

On the night of 27 August, 1952, the two officers listed as the source of this information were in an F-51 airplane at 8,000 feet just west of the Birmingham Airport, Birmingham, Alabama. They were flying at a speed of 250 MPH. At 2045 hours they saw an unidentified object moving toward the northwest below them and at an altitude of about 5,000 feet.

Source identified the object as a pale blue light of undeterminable size and of no specific shape. It left no trail and no exhaust or other sound was audible. It kept blinking off and on in no particular cadence or frequency. No method of propulsion was discernible.

At first this object moved around the city of Birmingham in a wide circle in a counter-clockwise direction. It finally began to climb, at which time its course became elliptical in shape, interrupted by slight changes in direction to the right or left each time the light blinked off and on. It eventually disappeared to the northeast of Birmingham at an altitude of about 15,000 feet. It was last seen ~~at 2055~~ hours after having been under source's observation for ten minutes. All during this time it was traveling at a speed estimated at from 1,000 to 1,250 MPH.

The weather was clear with a slight haze over Birmingham. There was little or no wind. This sighting cannot be explained by any known activity or condition meteorological or otherwise. There are no photographs or other material evidence of the nature or existence of the object. No effort was made to intercept it.

Students on cross country flights in F-51 airplanes came over Birmingham at frequent intervals. They were all well below the object sighted. No other aircraft were seen.

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1. Statement of Capt Fisher
2. Statement of 1st Lt Wallick

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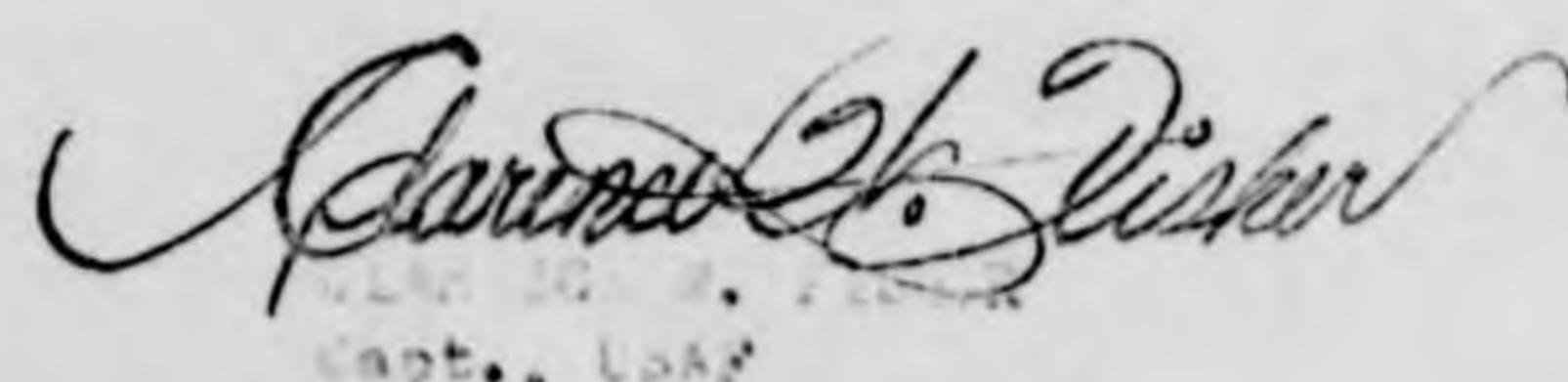
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STATEMENT

The following statement is submitted in accordance with paragraph 7, c, AF letter 100-5 dated 29 April 1952.

1. At 2043 hours on 27 August 1952, we spotted a pulsating unidentified light. The light was a pale blue color of unshorn red size. We observed only one light. We observed no exhaust trails. The unidentified light would flicker on and off with no set sequence between its blinks. It would blink off and on immediately. The object was moving at a tremendous rate of speed approximately four or five times our rate of speed. It was impossible for us to detect any sound due to our own exhaust and radio. The light was moving counter clockwise around Birmingham and when first spotted it was below us. We were at 5,000 feet and it looked to be at approximately 5,000 feet and it circled in a wide orbit of approximately five to ten miles. It then started climbing at a tremendous rate of climb and its orbits of Birmingham became erratic now in an elliptical shape. When the light would flicker out and back on it looked as though it changed course 5 degrees. It disappeared northeast of Birmingham at a very high rate of speed and climb. We could spot no shape.
2. It was sighted at 2043 and we lost contact at 2053.
3. We sighted object visually from air at 5,000 feet. We were flying a two-seated F-51 and were flying at 250 MPH.
4. I was over Birmingham at 5,000 feet just west of Birmingham Airport. I was in the front cockpit. I sighted light moving from southeast to northwest slightly north of the airport.
5. I was a fighter pilot in World War II, flying P-47's. I flew 110 missions. I got out of the service in 1945 and was recalled in May 1951. I have been an advanced single engine instructor since my recall.
6. The weather was clear except for a very light haze over Birmingham.
7. I know of no conditions or activity that can explain the object.
8. I know of no material evidence of the existence or nature of this object.
9. We made a tight turn to keep object in sight but could not intercept it in any way.
10. Students in F-51 airplanes reported over Birmingham at approximately three minute intervals. No other aircraft were seen.



Capt. J. W. Fisher
Capt., USAF

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STATEMENT

The following statement is submitted in accordance with Paragraph 7, c, A.F. letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

1. The item sighted was a flickering light affair of undetermined size. The light was white to blue white, transparent; on a straight course. The light seemed to turn out at 1½ to 2 second intervals but in no regular sequence. It flickered in a manner comparable to some kind of rocket propulsion which would burn out intermittently. The object in my opinion was under control, or at least it knew it had a destination. It traveled in smooth wide orbits around Birmingham making a circle of 10-15 miles radius. At the times when the light flickered extra intensely, the object appeared to suddenly angle off its course 2 or 3 degrees, both to the right and left. I was positioned so that the left side of the object was all I saw the entire 10 minutes of observation, except when it passed directly overhead at an altitude of 15,000 feet or more. When I was directly below it the light flickered in the same manner as when I was above and to the side of it. An estimation of speed based upon the relative radius of circles it was making to what I was making would be approximately 4 times faster than my 250 P.M. It climbed at a terrific speed in wide orbits. It was easily discernible over the stars until it flew to a great distance above us and disappeared to the northeast.

2. The object was sighted at 2043 and was kept in sight until 2053.

3. The object was seen visually from the air from an F-51 traveling 250 mph indicated.

4. I was sitting in the rear seat of a patrol F-51 flying an easterly direction, when the light came to view about 3,000 feet below me traveling from southeast to northwest very close to the Birmingham airport.

5. I have a total of 1,450 hours single engine time. A veteran of 101 missions in Korea and 6 months service in Austria in 1945.

6. The weather was clear except for slight moisture which resulted in very light haze from the lights of the city of Birmingham.

7. I know of no activity or condition that could explain the object.

8. I know of no physical evidence to prove the existence or nature of this object.

9. I took no interception action.

10. Students in F-51 airplanes reported over Birmingham at approximately three minute intervals. No other aircraft were seen.

William P. Wallick
WILLIAM P. WILICK
1st Lt., USAF

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE 22 Aug 52	2. LOCATION Birmingham, Ala.	3. TIME Local: 2000Z Zebra: 0200Z
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite 	
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets 	
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted 	
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made 	
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Violent 	
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input type="checkbox"/> Steady	
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes	
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)	U.S. 3415th Radar Training Wing, Birmingham, Ala.	

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?	22	
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)	<input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset	

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft 	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? Yes No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: _____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING: 0300Z

a.	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	Birmingham, Ala.	airball	USA A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	white
b.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
d.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Unreliable
 Extremely Doubtful
 Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

Was Balloon
 Probably Balloon
 Possibly Balloon

 Was Aircraft
 Probably Aircraft
 Possibly Aircraft

Was Astronomical
 Probably Astronomical
 Possibly Astronomical

 Other: _____

 Insufficient Data For Evaluation

 Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

Colin
 Birmingham, Ala.

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	3	20	25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000	12	90	50,000		
6,000	13	90	55,000		
7,000	11	90	60,000		
8,000	7	70	65,000		
9,000	11	60	70,000		
10,000	15	70	75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000	17	90	85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude?)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant?)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
7. CLOUD COVER: ____ tenths at ____ feet. ____ tenths at ____ feet. ____ tenths at ____ feet. ____ tenths at ____ feet.			8. VISIBILITY WAS ____ MILES.		
9. COMMENTS: Wind NE W 1000					